A COPPIE OF Lieut. Gen. Cromwels Letter; Concerning the taking of WINCHESTER Caſtle: With a Liſt of the particulars.

Where was taken;

7. Peeces of Ordnance.	French Wine, 3. hogſheads.
17. Barrels of powder.	Salt, 10. quarters.
Musket bullets 2000. weight.	Oatmeal, 20. buſhels.
Match 800. weight.	Candle, 70. dozen.
Beef & Pork, 38. hogſheads.	Wood, 30. load.
15000. weight of Cheeſe.	Charcoal, 40. quarters.
800. pound of Butter.	Seacole, 30. buſhels, for the Smith.
Wheat & meal, 140. quarters.	
Biſket, 7000. weight.	Sheep, 14.
Strongbeere, 112. hogſheads.	Freſh Beief, 4. quarters.

Together, with Mr. *Peters* report made to the Houſe of Commons, from Lieutenant Gen. *Cromwell.*

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Mr. *PETERS* his report, made to the Houſe of Commons.

MR. *Peters*, Miniſter to the Army, being ſent from Lieutenant Generall *Cromwell* from Wincheſter, came to the Houſe of Commons, with the Lieutenant Generals man attending him to the Houſe; with a Letter from his Maſter to the Speaker, concerning the taking of Wincheſter Caſtle; and the Houſe gave Mr. *Sparin*, the Lieutenant Generals Secretary, 50. l. And forthwith called Mr. *Peters* into the Houſe, who went in attended with the Sergeant at Arms with the Mace before him; where the Speaker giving him thankes for his unwearied labours in the preſervation of this Kingdome, and aſſuring him that the Houſe took care for him, who had ſo often brought them good tidings; and hazarded himſelf ſo much; and told him, that he had liberty to ſpeak freely, what he had in commands from the Lieutenant Generall.

Mr. *Peters* ſpake in the Houſe, the ſumme of whoſe diſcourſe, was as followeth.

Mr. Speaker,

I Came from Wincheſter the laſt night late, but I had come ſooner, had not my L. Ogle, and his company been ſo unwilling to part with their ſack and ſtrong beer, of which they drank ſo liberally at their farwel, that few of them (as it is their manner) could get up their horſes without help, for the agreement was for their marching out at 3. a Clock but it proved late, through their debaughchery.

My Commands (from the Lieutenant Generall) are to give this honourable houſe a further narative of the Caſtle of Wincheſter, being upon the place and a ſpectator of Gods good hand in the whole work, as alſo to preſent his humble requeſt to the houſe in ſome perticulars; and before I ſpeak to either of them, if gratitude it ſelfe were not ſometimes unſeaſonable, I would (in my own name and the name of many thouſands) returne this honourable houſe moſt humble thankes for our Lieutenant Gene-

Generall, in that you ſuffer (with patience) the vacanſie of his place in this Houſe.

My wiſh is, that his ſpirit and that publike Engliſh ſpirit of *Hamden Pim*, and *Strond*, may be doubled upon your new elected members.

For our Lieutenant Generall, this I muſt ſay: that Iudgement and affections in him are ſtriving for the maſtery, I have rarely ſeen ſuch heights, and depths conſent in one man, that when I looke upon the 2. Cheefes of our Army: I remember *Guſtavus Adolphus* and *Oxenſtern*, and I wiſh our hopes in theſe may not be ſo ſhort lived as the Germans hopes in them, were.

More I might ſay, concerning him that ſent me, who is ſo farre above the world, and lives ſo little upon the ſtates pay, and mindes himſelfe ſo little; but that he hath enjoyned ſilence to all his friends, in any thing that might turne to his onw prayſe.

For the Caſtle of Wincheſter: we begun our batteries upon Saturday morning, which wrought ſo effectually; that a breach (wherein 30. men might go a breaſt) was made: The enemy ſallyed out, and beat us off from our gunnes which were ſoon recovered againe, we plaid then with our Granadoes from our Morter peeces, with the beſt effect that I have ſeene, which broake down the Manſion houſe in many places, cutt off a Commiſſary of theirs by the thighs, the moſt auſtere and wretched inſtrument in that Country; and at laſt blew up their flagg of defiance into the ayre, and toarre the pinacle in peeces upon which it ſtood.

Summons being ſent as we entred upon this work, was refuſed by the L. *Ogle* their Governor; and another ſummons God ſent them in the middle of our batterie; his Lady (to whom our Lievtenant Generall had given leave to come forth, and had gone ſome miles out of the town) dyed; by whom the Governour had during her life, one thouſand pounds a year with her, loſt by her death.

The chiefeſt ſtreet of the town the enemy playd upon: whereby divers paſſengers wer wouuded, and ſome killed, in which ſtreet my quarters being; I have that cauſe to bleſſe God for my preſervation.

The Lords day we ſpent in preaahing and prayer, whileſt our gunners were battering, and at 8. a clock at night we received a letter from the Governour for a treaty, which I have brought with me.

Collonel *Hammond*, and Major Generall *Harriſon* were ſent into the Caſtle on our party, Sir *Edward Ford*, and a Major of theirs, were ſent to us.

The whole night was ſpent about it, our men ſtanding upon ſome ſpe-

ciall termes with them, and very desirous were we to to accept Sir *Edward Ford*: and Bennit to be our prisoners, by 8. a clock on munday morning it was a greed they should depart out of the Castle at 5, a clock according to the Articles which the Lieutenant Generall hath sent by me.

I was forthwith sent into the Castle to take a view of it before my departure, where I found a peece of ground improved to the best advantage, for when we had entred by our batterie we had 6. distinct works, and a draw bridge to passe through; so that it was doubtlesse a very strong piece, very well victualled, as appears by this note, which I crave leave to reade.

Then Mr. Peters *read the said Note, of which here followeth the Copie.*

7. Peeces of Ordnance.	8. Hogsheads of French Wine.
17. Barrels of Powder.	10. Quarters of Salt.
2000. weight of Musket Bullets.	20. Bushel of Oatmeal.
800. Weight of Match.	70. Dozen of Candles.
38. Hogsheads of Bief and Pork.	30. Load of Wood.
15000. weight of Cheese.	40. Quarters of Charcoal.
800. pound of Butter.	30. Bushels of Seacoal, for the Smith.
140. quarters of Wheat, and Meal.	14. Sheep.
7000. weight of Biskets.	4. quarters of fresh Bief.
112. Hogsheads of strong Beere.	

Then Mr. Peters *went on in his Speech, as followeth.*

Mr. Speaker, The Castle was manned with near 700. men, divers of them Reformadoes, the chief men I saw there were Viscount *Ogle* their Governour, Sir *John Paule*, an old souldier, Sir *William Courtney*, and Collonel *Bennet*, also Dr. *Curle* the Bishop of Winchester, who came forth to our quarters in the morning, with whom I spent an hour or two, who with teares and much importunity, desired the Lieutenant Generals favour, to excuse his not accepting of the offer that he made unto him at his first entring the Town; he desired of me a guard to his lodging, lest the souldiers should use violence to him and his Chaplain, who were in their long Gowns and Cassocks, and he was accordingly safely convoyed home.

I do verily believe, that they will hardly bring to Woodstock 200. men: It did much affect us, to observe what an Enemy we had to deal with, who themselves being judges, could not chuse but say, that our God is not as their God. And this is the 19. Garison hath been taken this Summer, through Gods goodnesse. And he that will not take his share

ſhare in this common joy, is either ſtupid or envious.

Our Brigade is marched to Langford-houſe, by Salisbure, which I hope will not be long work, and then that Country will be clean, and our men ready to wait our Generals further Commands. (Doubtleſſe) were not the year ſo farre ſpent, and our foot thereby not able to lye abroad, we might ſoon look for the finiſhing of this Warre.

The fruits of what is already done are great, amongſt the reſt, what I ſaw upon the way; all ſorts travelling upon their occaſions freely to their own homes, with Carriages and Wanes: many Innes filled with gueſts. The former face of things returning upon us in ſeverall kindes; yea, now we may ride with ſafety, from Dover to the middle of Devonſhire.

The Commiſſion I have to this Honourable Houſe, from the Lieutenant Generall, which he delivered unto me with much vehemencie and ſence, was this.

1. That you ſhould be truly informed concerning the payment of the Army, it being generally reported, they are compleatly paid, and that Army conſtantly injoyned to pay their quarters, in which there hath been much care taken, and by which much hath been gained upon the Countries. It is moſt certain, that of twenty one Weeks, the Horſe are twelve weeks behinde; and the foot have likewiſe their proportion of ſorrow, through want of pay. I know threeſcore in one company lying ſick, by eating of raw roots and green Apples, through want of money to buy better food.

It is moſt humbly deſired, that they may not ſuffer by the State, who are willing to do ſo much for it; the hands and feet of a naturall body, are not more apt move for an aking head, then this Army (in every part of it, are) for this afflicted Kingdome.

I have often wiſhed (if it might be thought good to your wiſdomes) that every County (according to the ſtore of money ſeſſed upon every County) might know their ſouldiers, and a Committee of their own reſide in the Army to pay them, it being the way of the Low-Countries; whereby the Warre hath been ſo well upheld and continued: The frame whereof I have long ſince given in writing, to ſome Members of this Honourable Houſe.

2. The ſecond thing I have in command is, That you be truly informed about your recruits of men; when we have been promiſed and expected 4000. we have received but 900. And upon Friday laſt, when we were promiſed 3000. and did not expect leſſe; we received but fifteen hundred,

It may be easily conceived that such an active Army must needs be a great spender of men by sickneſſe and otherwiſe, though bleſſed be God it appeares at every ſiege, the enemies ſword cuts not off many: at this of Wincheſter I know not of above 2 or 3 ſouldiers loſt.

Your recruits are ſo chargeable in their bringing to the Army, that with halfe the mony our officers would recruite themſelves. And were this Army recruited to your firſt intention of 21000. not only England, but I hope Ireland would ſoon reap the fruits of their labours.

The laſt thing I take boldneſſe to commend to this Honourable Houſe is, that the Garriſons wee take in, may bee for God, this Honourable Houſe, and the whole Kingdome, my meaning is, that forthwith ſome courſe may be taken, for the many ignorant and heatheniſh ſoules in and about the places aforeſaid. This city is glutted, the contry is famiſhed; we are quarrelling here about the covering of the houſe, the foundations whereof are not yet laid in the country. In this I am the bolder, becauſe of the cryes of the people to me in the places where I have been; and ſome of Wincheſter at my departure crying for help with them of Macedonia. All which I repreſent to the moſt ſerious thoughts of this Honourable Houſe, and the bleſſing of peace be upon all your Councells, AMEN.

Here followeth a Copy of divers ſeverall papers brought to the Parliament by Mr. *Peters* from Lievtenant Generall *Cromwell*.

The Copy of the ſeverall Letters that came from Viſcount *Ogle* the Governour of the Caſtle, during the time of the ſiege.

SIR, *I have received a ſad ſummons, and deſire, you that this incloſed may be conveyed from*

WINTON Caſtle, 4. Oct. 1645.

Your Servant, OGLE.

SIR, *Upon the opening of your ſad meſſage by your Drum, there was a miſtake between your men and mine, for there was a man making an eſcape from the caſtle, at whom your men and mine did ſhoot, not knowing in the dark who he was; and the man is killed.* OGLE.

SIR, I have received formerly a Letter from you, wherein you deſire to avoyd the effuſion of chriſtian blood, to which you received my Anſwer, that I was willing as your ſelfe. But having received no reply to actuate your deſires, I have thought fit to deſire a Treaty; whereby

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we may pitch upon ſome meanes, both for the effecting of that, and the preſervation of this place. And that I may receive your letter with all conveniency, I deſire that neither Officer or Souldier of your party may come off their Guards, and I ſhall take the like courſe with mine. *Sir*, I am

Winton Caſtle, at eight at night, October 5. 1645.

Your Humble Servant,

OGLE.

Caſtrum WINTON,

Articles agreed upon the 5 *of* October, 1645. *between the Right Honourable* William *Viſcount* Ogle, *Governour of the Garriſon of the Caſtle of* Winton *of the one part, and Colonell* Robert Hammond, *and Major* Thomas Harriſon *on the behalfe of Lieutenant Generall* Oliver Cromwell *of the other party; for the ſurrender of the ſaid Caſtle.*

1. That the Lord *Ogle* ſhall deliver up the Caſtle of Wincheſter, with all the Armes, Ordnance, Ammunition, Proviſion, and all Function of Warre whatſoever therein, without any imbeazelment waſt or ſpoyle, unto that Officer or Officers as ſhall be thereunto appointed by the ſaid Lievtenant Generall, to morrow being Monday the 6 of Octob. by 3 of the clock, after noon.

2. That the ſaid Lord *Ogle* ſhall have his own colours, and one hundred fixt Armes for his Guard, and one hundred men to carry them.

3. That the Lord *Ogle* and all the Officers in Commiſſion, ſhall march out of the ſaid Caſtle with their own horſe and arms, and their own proper goods, unto Woodſtock, thither they ſhall be ſafely convoyed.

4. That there ſhall be allowed to the Lord Ogle and his Officers, ſix Carriages for tranſporting of their goods aforeſaid.

5. That all Officers, Gentlemen, Clergy-men, and Inhabitants of the city of Wincheſter, and all Officers within the Guards (deſiring it) may be at their own time free from all violence and injury of the Parliaments forces.

6. That the Lord *Ogle* ſhall give ſufficient Hoſtages for the performance of the Aricles here conſtituted on their part to be performed, alſo for the ſafe return of the Convoy.

SIR,

I Came to Winchester on the Lords day being the 28 *of* September, *with* Colonell Pickering; *commanding his own,* Colonell Mountagues, *and Sir* H rdres Walles *Regiments; after some dispute with the Governour, We entred the town, I summoned the castle, was denyed, Whereupon We fell to prepare our batteries, which We could not perfect (some of our Guns being out of order) untill Friday following, our Battery was six Guns; which being finished, after one fiering of them round, I sent him a second Summons for a treaty, which they refused, Whereupon we went on with our worke, and made a breach in the wall near the blacke Tower; which after about* 200 *shott We thought stormable, and purposed on Monday morning to attempt it. On Sunday night about ten of the clocke, The Governour beat a parley, desiring to treat, I agreed unto it, and sent Colonell* Hammond *and Major* Harrison *in to him, Who agreed upon these excleded Articles.*

Sir, *This is the addition of another mercy, you see God is not weary in doing you good. I confesse* Sir, *his favour to you is as visible, when he comes by his power upon the hearts of your enemies, making them quit places of strength to to you, as When he gives courage to your souldiers to attempt hard things, his goodnesse is in this much to be acknowledged, For the castle was well manned with* 680 *horse and foot, there being neare* 200 *Gentlemen, Officers, and their Servants; well victualled with* 15000 *wait of cheese, very great store of wheat and beer, near* 20 *barrels of powder,* 7 *peeces of Cannon, the Workes were exceeding good, and strong. It is very likely it would have cost much blood to have gained it by storme, we have not lost twelve men: This is repeated to you that God may have all the praise, for it is all his due.*

Sir *I rest,*

Your most humble Servant,
Oliver Cromwell.

Post-script.

For other things that I am not willing to write, I have intrusted Mr. *Peters* to communicate to you, who was within the place, and an eye-witnesse to all our proceedings, and knowes the true state of our Army; whom I doe pray you to heare.

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